

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 April 2017 18:08
To: AGRI INFO
Subject: Re: FW: Feedback Form 4011: Storage of organic products
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Thank you for the information. As I mentioned in my email we are already certified organic by a control body in Germany. My question was specifically around storage in the E.U. as the guidelines are not clear to me as to whether or not the storage facility requires special certification to solely house the packaged products. If you are able to clarify I would be very grateful.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

On Tue, Apr 4, 2017, 12:04 PM <AGRI-INFO@ec.europa.eu> wrote:

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your question regarding import and export of organic certified products.

Please note: if you intend to import an organic product into the European Union, **you will have to comply with EU legislation** and in particular **both organic and general food legislation**.

Please check **necessary** information on our webpages:

- http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2013/may/tradoc_151273.pdf
- http://exporthelp.europa.eu/thdapp/taxes/show2Files.htm?dir=/requirements&reporterId1=EU&file1=ehir_eu14_03v001/eu/main/req_sporgan_eu_010_0612.htm&reporterLabel1=EU&reporterId2=NL&file2=ehir_nl14_03v001/nl/main/req_sporgan_nl_010_0612.htm&reporterLabel2=N
- [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 889/2008 of 5 September 2008](#) with detailed rules on production, labelling and control
- <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32007R0834>

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http://exporthelp.europa.eu/thdapp/taxes/show2Files.htm?dir=/requirements&reporterId1=EU&file1=ehir_eu13_03v003/eu/main/req_sporgan_eu_010_0612.htm&reporterLabel1=EU&reporterId2=NL&file2=ehir_nl13_03v003/nl/main/req_sporgan_nl_010_0612.htm&reporterLabel2=N

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/eu-policy/eu-rules-on-trade/import-export/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/eu-policy/eu-rules-on-trade/control-bodies/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/documents/eu-policy/guidelines_for_imports_en.pdf

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/eu-policy/eu-rules-on-production/legal-frame/index_en.htm

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation \(EEC\) No 2092/91](#)

[Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 889/2008 of 5 September 2008](#) with detailed rules on production, labelling and control

[Commission Regulation \(EC\) No. 1235/2008 of 8 December 2008](#) with detailed rules concerning import of organic products from third countries

<http://www.ifoam-eu.org/en/node>

Importers of organic products must [register with a control body or control authority](#)

All consignments of organic products imported from countries outside the EU, excluding the European Economic Area and/or Switzerland, must be accompanied by a certificate of inspection. This certificate can be issued by:

- a control body recognised by the EU
- the control authorities or control bodies authorised by a country recognised by the EU.

The original **certificate of inspection** must be presented together with the imported organic products to the relevant Member State's authority. Usually it will be the local authority at the port of arrival, in any case the point from which you seek to release your products for free

circulation in the Union. [Certificate of inspection](#)

[\(29 kB\)](#), [Extract of the certificate of inspection](#)

You will find a list of control authorities and control bodies related to the EU legislation on organic production and labelling of organic products as well as further information at:

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/ofis_public/rCBE/ctrl_rcbe.cfm?targetUrl=home&lang=en

The European Union has **equivalence arrangements** with several **third countries** (These 11 countries are: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, India, Israel, Japan,

Switzerland, Tunisia, United States and New Zealand) to facilitate the exchange of organic products. These arrangements enable European consumers to choose from a wide range of organic products whilst providing export opportunities for EU producers. Please read the information at:

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/eu-policy/eu-rules-on-trade/non-eu-trading-partners/index_en.htm

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From: Feedback Form [mailto:do-not-reply@ec.europa.eu]

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 8:58 PM

To: AGRI INFO

Subject: Feedback Form 4011: Storage of organic products

There has been a submission made through your form, Agriculture Contact form (2014):

ID 4011
Title Mr
[Redacted]
Email [Redacted]
Country [Redacted]
Address
Subject Storage of organic products

Hello,

I am doing research for a [Redacted] wholesale and distribution company in the United States. We are considering expanding into a physical location in the E.U. We currently have organic certification in the E.U. through a control body based in Germany.

Question The question I am trying to get answered is are there specific requirements necessary for the storage facility we eventually use or can organic products be stored in a facility so long as it said products are kept separate from non-organic products at the facility. The products would already be packaged when arriving in the E.U. and would simply be stored at the location until distribution.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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